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18 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White (via Mr. Lloyd)

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SUBJECT : [REDACTED] - Claim for Shipment and Storage of Household Effects in Excess of Weight Allowance

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1. The attached file was brought to me by [REDACTED] who asked that it be brought to your attention for a decision. In summary, it reflects the following:

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a. During July 1958 - October 1960 [REDACTED] GS-14, was assigned by NE Division to [REDACTED]. In connection with this assignment he shipped and stored household effects considerably in excess of his authorized weight allowance, and he ended up indebted to the Agency for some \$407.93.

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b. By memo of 13 November 1961, the Acting Chief, NE, requested that this be written off, on grounds that part of the expense arose from special handling and additional protection for articles of unusual value - an argument not previously advanced. (Tab A)

c. On 28 November 1961 [REDACTED] Acting SSA-DD/S, recommended disapproval. This recommendation was upheld by [REDACTED] who sent the file back to NE on 8 December 1961, saying there was no way in which it could be approved. (Tab B)

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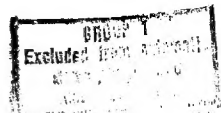
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d. In March 1962 [REDACTED] submitted a reclaim voucher and requested that he be given ex post facto credit against his indebtedness, in the amount of \$350.73, for unaccompanied baggage allowance which he had not used in travel to and from [REDACTED]. He also submitted a check for \$57.20, thus making up the total of \$407.93 which was due the Agency. (Tab C)

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e. This was disallowed by the Finance Division on the basis of an OGC ruling which stated specifically that it could not be done. (Tab D)

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f. NE Division then prepared a further appeal which was submitted in draft to OGC for concurrence before routing to DD/S. Again a write-off of the total amount was requested. (Tab E)

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g. In a memo dated 11 January 1963, OGC [REDACTED] again stated that [REDACTED] claim could not be legally approved except by invoking the extraordinary power of the Director, and recommended against such use of his power as being unwarranted by the facts. This was supported by [REDACTED] in an attached comment. (Tab F)

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h. In the face of all this foregoing history of disapproval, [REDACTED] has now sent to SSA-DD/S, on 13 March 1963, a request that the OGC decision be reconsidered and that he be relieved of his \$350.73 indebtedness. According to [REDACTED] who has discussed the case with the Division, this means that they want you to approve a write-off under your special authority. (Tab G)

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2. I believe there is no way in which this case can be related to the unusual functions of the Agency, and that there is no basis for approving it. It is a clear-cut case of exceeding an authorized allowance and then asking afterward for relief from the penalty. I recommend, and [REDACTED] concurs, that you put it to rest by authorizing SSA-DD/S to return it to the Division without approval. [REDACTED] will handle it, and explain that you see no basis on which to approve.

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